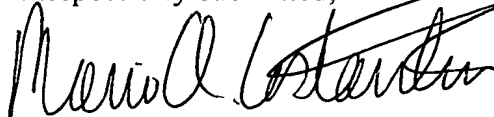


A copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,844,666 is enclosed with the attached Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,953,105, which is related to U.S. Patent No. 5,844,666, also is provided with the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

Examination, allowance and declaration of an interference between this application and U.S. Patent No. 5,844,666 in due course are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney if there are any questions.

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